

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Eric M. DoBrava et al. Art Unit : 3731
Serial No. : 10/044,277 Examiner : Victor X Nguyen
Filed : January 10, 2002 Conf. No. : 8439
Title : ASPIRATING BALLOON CATHETER FOR TREATING VULNERABLE
 PLAQUE

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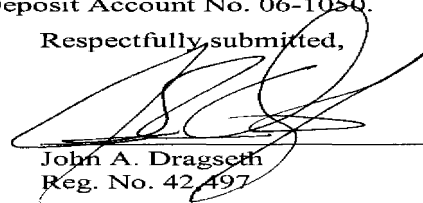
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated March 9, 2006, be extended for three months to and including September 11, 2006.

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